

TOWN AND COUNTY.

BREVITIES.

A nice shower would be appreciated now.

Improvements at the Asylum are progressing rapidly.

Orange trees flourish in Owens River valley, Inyo county.

Mining experts are going through the Tuscarora mines.

A carload of watermelons came in Sunday from Lodi, Cal.

The change in freight time on the C. P. took place yesterday.

The ground was broken yesterday for the Anderson school house.

Carson lost \$3,000, and the championship on the baseball match.

Laughton's Hot Springs are rapidly becoming Reno's Sunday resort.

Dr. Bergstein's residence, on Powning's Addition, is going up rapidly.

There are twelve prisoners in the County Jail. Just enough for a jury.

Mr. Blithen who was injured by the upsetting of his wagon, is doing well.

Workmen are employed tearing down the old livery stable of T. K. Hymers.

Standard Nerve Food a healthful drink. Geo. Becker, agent, Reno, Nevada.

Go to Osburn & Shoemaker's and try a glass of "Moxie" and soda, the nerve food.

Wm. B. Daugherty and Charley Hill will have a pleasant resort when it is fitted up.

Mr. Linderman disposed of a house and lot near the Seminary yesterday for \$1,500.

The assessment roll of Humboldt county shows an increase of \$250,000 over last year.

An extra sleeper will hereafter be attached to the night train for the people of Western Nevada.

On Thursday night Miss Finlayson and Mr. Jose, assisted by their friends, will give a concert at Carson.

Money is being raised by subscription in Truckee to mark the spot where the ill-fated Donner party camped.

The Evening Report says that ninety per cent. of the flour used by Virginia bakers comes from the Reno mills.

The parties who purchased the mining property in Genesee Valley will have a mill running on it in forty days.

Just received at H. C. Davis' Lumber Yard, a carload of Santa Cruz finishing lime and Wetherspoon New York Plaster.

The carpenter work on Mr. Benson's new residence was completed Saturday.

The painting will soon be finished and the house ready for occupation.

The first copy of the Inyo Index has reached this office. It is a bright, new paper and ought to receive a hearty welcome into the journalistic world.

The Truckee Drain Ditch case was submitted to Judge Bigelow yesterday.

Before rendering his decision he will visit the ditch and view the situation.

Tom Hymers will keep a portion of his stock in the Lake House stable, and the remainder in the back part of the old stable until his new place is completed.

The Pittsburg Mining Company have adopted the contract system and all the miners are leaving the camp. They say the figures offered by the company are too low.

Colonel Robert Lindsay and wife gave a pleasant party at their residence on Court street Saturday evening in honor of Miss Ella Geiger of Virginia City. It was well attended.

GENEROUS MINERS.—The miners in the Anaconda mine at Butte City, Montana, have donated \$1,500 to the families of those who lost their lives in the Gould & Curry disaster. Prose or poetry can never do justice to the benevolence of the Western miners. They pity, but they do so in a tangible manner. None but those who delve in the dark, deep workings of a mine, realize what danger attends the miner; and in the hour of peril they will risk their lives to save a comrade, or, if lost, they open their purses to the widow and fatherless children. If there is a reward in the world to come for the generous acts that have been chronicled on this earth, every miner will wear a medal.

MADE HAPPY.—Dan Sohl is the happiest man in Reno. He has been expecting a relative for sometime, and he put in an appearance yesterday in the shape of a fine healthy boy. Dan's feet didn't touch the sidewalk all day. He wouldn't talk sausage factory or anything else but that boy. Mother and child are both doing well.

DICKIE JOSE.

History of Reno's Sweet Singer.

The Far West has sent out into the world men that have become famous in the political, commercial and financial world, and her great work is not yet done. Talent of every description like the "rose that is born to bloom unseen and waste its fragrance on the desert air," can be found in the workshops and mines of the Pacific slope, but occasionally long pent up talent will break from its moorings and take its place in the world. In a blacksmith's shop in Reno, Dickie Jose, who has gained a national reputation as an alto singer, hammered out a livelihood for a period of six years, but at last the talent he possessed attracted attention, and he was carried from the forge and anvil to the stage. Dick Jose, as he is familiarly known, the subject of this sketch, was born in the western part of Cornwall, England, on June 5th, 1864, and is now 23 years of age. The Jose family were all singers of more than ordinary ability, his father being the finest singer in Cornwall. On his mother's side, with the exception of Mrs. Jose, there was no vocal talent. Mr. Jose followed the vocation of a miner, and from his labor supported a family of nine persons, Dick being the eldest of seven children, all of whom are excellent singers. When a mere child Dick displayed the talent that has raised him to his present position, and was always willing to join in a song or to sing for the amusement of others. When he was about twelve years old death laid its hand upon his father and he was called to his long home. Fortunately, however, a good home was left to his mother on whom depended the support of her seven children. Mr. Jose at the time of his death, had a brother working in the Belcher mine in Gold Hill, who offered inducements to young Jose to come to America and join him. His mother at last consented and little Dick bade farewell to his Cornwall home and sailed for the New World. His long journey was made without accident and he found himself in the greatest mining camp in the world, thousands of miles from the "island washed by the sea." His uncle at this time, was in comfortable circumstances and the boy singer had a good home. Stock speculations, after a few months' time, swept away his uncle's fortune, and Dick was cast upon the world to work out his own destiny, and being a boy in a strange land his task was a hard one, and not unfrequently did the recollection of his far-off home come vividly to memory and he would wish himself back again to the scenes of his childhood. After drifting around Virginia for a while, Dick went to Carson hoping to benefit himself, but the bright sun of prosperity was again denied him and after a few months that brought nothing but discouragement, he at last drifted into Reno. Here he worked as best he could for a while, when Mr. Luke, the blacksmith, who was well acquainted with Dick when a child in Cornwall, offered him a home with him and an opportunity to learn a trade. This proposition he readily accepted, and while he lives he will never forget his kind benefactor and his estimable wife. Mr. and Mrs. Luke cared for him as tenderly as though he was their own flesh and blood, and his home was made as cheerful for him as the one he had left across the sea. In his conversation regarding his life in America, he always alludes to Mr. and Mrs. Luke tenderly, and regards them both more in the light of parents than friends and they in return have a place in their hearts for the boy that has made such headway on the stage of life. He remained with Mr. Luke for more than six years assisting him in the blacksmith shop. While living with Mr. Luke Dick formed the acquaintance of Miss Eva Quailie and Bishop Whitaker, both of whom became his friends. To Miss Quailie, Dick Jose, in a great measure, owes his success at the present time. Miss Quailie being an excellent vocal teacher, was not long in discovering the undeveloped talent possessed by him, and quickly determined to train the voice that gave so much promise. In this she was encouraged by Bishop Whitaker, and the result is that through her instrumentality and kindness Dick Jose was permitted to lay down the sledge hammer and delight audiences all over this broad land with his vocal powers. Jose says: "But for the kindness of Miss Quailie I would not be able to fill the position I fill today." Bishop Whitaker inducted in Dick those principles of morality that have guided him safely through the temptations that surround stage life, and the boy in return holds in high esteem his noble friend. While in Reno, Dick was ever ready to contribute his share to all the entertainments of a local nature that took place, and by so doing established a reputation that soon brought him into prominence. Charley Reed, the famous minstrel, who was ever on the lookout for superior talent, soon heard of his marvelous voice and immediately commenced negotiating with him to join his troupe in San Francisco. After considering Reed's proposition Dick accepted it, and made

his first appearance in San Francisco in March, 1886. He remained with Reed for about three months when the troupe disbanded and he was on the world again. Birch & Cotton immediately organized a traveling company and Dick's services were engaged. This troupe traveled through Nevada and California, and after a short season they also disbanded. At this juncture Mr. W. S. Mullaly, who had heard of Jose's reputation as an alto singer, called Mr. Dockstader's attention to the matter, and a proposal was made by him to Dick to join the company that he was then organizing. This proposition was accepted without delay and Dick was carried into prominence before he was hardly aware of the fact. Mr. Dockstader took kindly to him and treated him in every respect as he would have treated a boy of his own. His watchful care and good advice has done a great deal to save the boy from the meshes of sin that are strewn along the pathway of traveling men, and in many ways has contributed to the welfare of his blacksmith singer. Mr. Dockstader, in his capacity as manager, has had a varied experience, and is ever ready to assist those in his service in any possible manner. Dick Jose is indebted to him for much of the prominence he enjoys to-day, and speaks of his kind manager in the most glowing terms. If Mr. Dockstader should make a western tour this coming season, he will find that Nevadans can appreciate the kindness he has extended to the Reno boy, and that crowded houses will greet him everywhere in the Sagebrush State. Mr. Mullaly, the leader of Dockstader's orchestra, a firm friend of the boy, is training him for still better work. He claims that his voice is susceptible of much greater improvement, and that when perfection is reached, Dick Jose will be the finest male alto singer in the world. Dick has passed his vacation in the Riverside town, and the complimentary benefits that have been tendered him bear testimony of the high esteem in which he is held. He will depart for the East on the 12th of August, and with one voice the people of Reno wish him a pleasant journey, a prosperous season and a safe return. In bidding farewell to his many friends he desires them to remember that wherever he may go he will always think of them in kindness, and will never forget the many courtesies that have been extended to him. No matter where the waves of life may cast him, he will always consider Reno his home and here his vacations will be passed.

PERSONAL.

Ex-Governor Kinkead went to the Bay Sunday night.

General Clark departed for the Bay Sunday night.

John S. Gregory arrived from San Francisco yesterday.

J. C. Smith returned from Webber Lake Sunday night.

Rev. J. W. Pendleton, of Greenville, spent Sunday in Reno.

Fred Boegle, of Virginia, passed through to the Bay Sunday night.

Miss Echo Loder went westward on the overland Sunday night.

Lieutenant Gov. Davis departed for San Francisco Sunday night.

Martin Ward came in from the ranch and range yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Wallace, of Spanish Valley, is visiting her parents in Reno.

Dick Thomas, of the Iowa mine, passed through to San Francisco Sunday night.

May, daughter of D. C. Wheeler, departed for San Francisco Sunday night.

M. C. Hall, of Virginia, came down on the local yesterday to attend the concert.

W. H. McInnis, Captain of the Guard at the State prison, came down Sunday night.

Frank Barnes departed for San Jose, Sunday night, to attend the State University.

J. H. Whited, Superintendent of the Truckee Division of the S. P. R. R., is in Reno.

George H. Cunningham, of Sierra Valley, departed for home Sunday with a load of supplies.

Mrs. D. A. Bender came down from Carson yesterday on the local train to attend the concert.

Mrs. John A. Fitzgerald, and Mrs. J. E. Emmitt and children arrived from Beckwith yesterday.

Miss Maud McIntosh departed for San Jose Sunday night to attend the State Normal School.

O. Dunkel, of Eureka, passed through Reno by private conveyance, Saturday, en route to San Francisco.

Al. Wiltsie and S. Lothrop, two prosperous ranchers in Sierra Valley, came to Reno Sunday and departed for Virginia yesterday.

C. H. Colburn, F. L. Wildes and wife, E. B. Yerington and wife, Alex McCone and his mother, and Miss Dolly McCone, of Virginia, besides a number of others, as well as D. A. Bender and friends, of Carson, paid Reno a visit last night to attend the Finlayson concert.

RENO'S PET.

Last Night's Concert—The Theater Crowded—Glorious Singing—A Magnificent Success—Calls and Recalls.

The most brilliantly attired, the largest and most enthusiastic audience ever present at a public entertainment in Reno gathered at the Nevada Theater last night, every seat in the house having been sold. The gentlemen looked their very best in "Prince Albert's," or the regulation dress-suits. A large majority of the ladies were in evening costume, many without bonnets, the entire auditorium, in fact, presenting the appearance of full "operas." The ladies who attended to beautifying the stage were so successful in their efforts that an attractive, artistically furnished drawing room, with an actual homelike atmosphere was produced. The opening venture by the Virginia Orchestra was really grand in melody, a foretaste of the fine programme of the evening, every number of which was thoroughly enjoyed. A more than cordial greeting was extended to Miss Flo. Finlayson and Richard Jose as they came upon the stage as the pianist struck the chords of Verdi's grand duo. Both our sweet singers looked very handsome, and as they stood together before the footlights a feeling of exultation thrilled in the typical Reno audience, waiting so patiently for the first tones of the well-known, well-loved voices. Miss Flo. wore a dress of white albatross, plain skirt, with long graceful drape, sleeveless corset, with a large bouquet of yellow poppies, high coiffure, jet ornaments, with front-hair arranged in the so-called "Russian" bang, a style very becoming and piquant. "Dickie" was his own easy, warm-hearted self, bearing the extra ornamentation of kid gloves, satin tie, diamond studs, and boutonniere, with an enviable, unconscious self-possession. A fairly deafening applause succeeded the duet, in response to which was given a repetition of the closing score. The vocalists received enthusiastic encores for every number given, and appreciating the spirit of the occasion, were generous in responding. The grandest of Miss Finlayson's renditions was "Deu Non Voler Co Stringer," piano accompaniment by Mrs. D. A. Bender. Her glorious contralto rang out in great sound waves of melody that seemed endless in their vibrations. She reminds one of Scholahi and will some day take her place in the musical world. Miss Flora's teacher at the Boston Conservatory has given the great contralto many a lesson, and takes an equal pride in his young pupil from the Silver State. Mr. Jose's solos were every one (as always) enjoyed. The sympathetic quality of his voice brought forth most noticeably in "The Little Wanderer," every word with clearness and mastery of the composer's intention of expression. The closing duet was as entrancing as the opening number, and there was one unanimous sigh of regret that the evening of song was over. Mrs. D. A. Bender, of Carson, Mrs. J. A. Stephens and Richard Rule, of Virginia, vocalists, Mr. Weston, violinist, Prof. Cara, bass viol, and Mr. Grosses, pianist, assisted most ably in the musicale. Mrs. Stephens has a powerful soprano, especially true and clear in the high notes. She sang "Kathleen Mavourneen," in response to a hearty recall, after the difficult selection "I Love Him." The musical compass of her voice was well shown in the music of "Schubert's Serenade," which she sang with Miss Finlayson. Mrs. Stephens wore a costume of white satin, with decorations of rich lace, diamond ornaments. Mrs. D. A. Bender sang "Marguerite" with perfect taste and expression. Her voice is contralto, very powerful in the lower register. In response to the unanimous recall which her solo received, she sang a decidedly taking ballad, "This Bonnie Lass O' Mine." Mrs. Bender wore a very beautiful evening dress, skirt composed entirely of narrow cream lace ruffles, and an artistically draped polonaise of cream silk grenadine with stripes of delicate lavender, with full lace decoration. The concert was concluded with a dance to the entrancing strains of the orchestra, the music of which is still ringing in our ears.

RETURNED.—Professor Willis and Harry Rolfs have returned from their ten days trip, on horseback, around Lake Tahoe. They are sunburned and ragged, and both look as though they had been run through a threshing machine. They both say they enjoyed the trip and are greatly improved in health.

RENO GUARD ATTENTION!—You will appear at your Armory on Tuesday evening, August 9th, at 8:30 o'clock, for drill and business.

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